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FOR A/FBO-MR. PAUL STANGE FROM THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: FBO FUNDED PROJECT - REMODEL CAFETERIA.

REF: (A) HELSINKI 0780, (B) STATE 071039.

1. I WOULD APPRECIATE ANYTHING YOU MAY BE ABLE TO DO TO EXPEDITE APPROVAL OF FUNDS REQUESTED FOR THE REMODELING OF THE EMBASSY CAFETERIA. THROUGH YOUR VISITS HERE, YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE DEPLORABLE STATE OF OUR KITCHEN AND CAFETERIA EQUIPMENT. THE PROPERTY INVENTORY READS AS FOLLOWS:

1. ONE ELECTROWAY GRILL WITH 12"/18" SURFACE PLATE PURCHASED IN MARCH 1969. CONDITION POOR.

2. ONE SLEW, 4-BURNER GAS STOVE - PURCHASED IN 1960. CONDITION VERY POOR.

3. ONE GENERAL ELECTRIC REFRIGERATOR 13 CUBIC FEET MANUFACTURED IN 1948. CONDITION VERY POOR.

4. ONE RCA REFRIGERATOR 11.5 CUBIC FEET MANUFACTURED IN 1948. CONDITION VERY POOR.

5. FIVE TABLES, ALL DIFFERENT SHAPES, SIZES AND CONDITION.

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6. TWENTY-FOUR CHAIRS, MISCELLANEOUS TYPES AND
CONDITION.

2. I UNDERSTAND THAT AS A RESULT OF YOUR OM DATED
DECEMBER 18, 1973, THE EMBASSY IN ITS OM DATED
FEBRUARY 12, 1974, SCALED DOWN ITS INITIAL REQUEST FROM
\$24,591.86 TO \$12,112.81. I ALSO NOTED IN REFTEL (B) THAT
OUR REVISED ESTIMATE IS "UNDER CONSIDERATION PENDING
AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS" LATER IN FISCAL YEAR."

3 ORDINARILY WE WOULD PATIENTLY WAIT AND HOPE. HOWEVER,
IN VIEW OF THE LARGE INFLUX OF TDY-PERSONNEL WE ANTICIPATE
AT THE EMBASSY THIS SUMMER IN CONNECTION WITH PHASE III
OF CSCE, I MUST URGE THAT WE BE GIVEN WHATEVER SYMPATHETIC
CONSIDERATION WE CAN EXPECT AT THIS TIME RATHER THAN AT
THE END OF JUNE. WE ANTICIPATE THAT DELIVERY OF THE ITEMS
WE REQUESTED WILL TAKE FROM FOUR TO SIX WEEKS. IF WE
ARE TO HAVE THIS EQUIPMENT AND THE NECESSARY
REMODELING ACCOMPLISHED BY JULY 1 WE WILL HAVE
TO PLACE ORDERS IMMEDIATELY.

4. YOU HAVE BEEN VERY GOOD TO US HERE CONCERNING
THE RESIDENCE AND THE CHANCERY. IT WILL BE A HAPPY
DAY WHEN THE NEW OFFICE IS CONSTRUCTED. THAT IS
YEARS OFF, HOWEVER, AND IN THE MEANTIME WE MUST
CARRY ON AS EFFECTIVELY AS WE CAN BY THE CAREFUL
ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO MAKE LIVEABLE AT LEAST OUR
PRESENT FACILITIES. THE REMODELING OF THE CAFETERIA
FALLS IN TO THIS CATEGORY. I WOULD APPRECIATE
YOUR INFORMING ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHAT ASSISTANCE WE MAY
EXPECT.
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